



PRAYER DIARY

Weekly Prayer Diary for Langley Trust

NOV & DEC 2024 | JAN & FEB 2025





04 NOVEMBER

KINDNESS

This month, across Langley, our theme is 'Kindness' and what it means. Many of our clients have not always been treated with kindness, and may themselves not have shown kindness to others. We hope that, while they are with us, they will experience kindness and the difference that it can make in the world.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank the Lord for His loving kindness towards us, giving thanks that He saved us.
- Pray that Langley would be known as an organisation that radiates the loving kindness of God in the criminal justice sector.
- Pray that, while they are with Langley, clients would glimpse the loving kindness of God, in the way that they are treated.

'But- when God our Saviour revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.' **Titus 3: 4-5**

11 NOVEMBER

Finance Team

Our Finance Team has a far-reaching impact across the Trust with regular interactions with all services and central teams. This ranges from ensuring that suppliers are paid correctly, through to managing the receipt of payments from funders across a number of income streams, in addition to the production of the monthly management accounts, which allows the senior team within the Trust to monitor and track financial performance.

The Finance Team contains vast specialist knowledge and expertise and is a real asset to the Trust as we strive to ensure that we are stewarding our financial resources in the best way possible.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank God for the Finance Team's dedication, hard work, perseverance, and unity through the completion of the year-end tasks, audits, and subsequent month-ends.
- Pray that the team remain strong, motivated, and united in all their efforts.
- Pray for the Lord's presence and guidance during budget season. May the Lord help through the planning, budget setting and budget completion stages.

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.' **Colossians 3: 23**

18 NOVEMBER

ASHDENE

Ashdene, in Wakefield, works with men who often have poor mental health, a history of offending, substance misuse and generally very limited supports. Ashdene provides a light in some otherwise dark lives, bringing hope and opportunities for clients to develop new skills and greater confidence in what they have to offer. Well connected with local churches, Ashdene also enables our clients to have spiritual input which is an important part of its success as a project.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for Ashdene's cleaner/handyman, Lee. His polite and cheerful demeanour towards clients, along with the speed in which he gets client rooms ready, helps to accommodate clients quickly and appropriately.
- Pray for clients with active addiction issues, that they find strength and willpower to break the shackles of addiction, seeking and accepting help, with the support of the Ashdene team.
- Pray that the new Intensive Housing Management (IHM) property opening goes smoothly and is accepted into the local community. Pray for suitable referrals and that clients maintain the property and integrate into the community, with the confidence they have a safe space to return home to and can continue to live crime free lives.

'I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy' **Philippians 1: 3-4**

25 NOVEMBER

PARK VIEW

Park View provides extra care services for men who have offended or are at risk of offending, and present with multiple and complex needs, mental health issues and substance misuse issues. Located close to Fleetwood and with easy access to a lovely park, it offers a good level of support and key working for clients.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the commitment and hard work of the staff and volunteers, at Park View and the way they come together to work as a fantastic team.
- Pray for hope for Park View clients, that they remain stable and happy and continue to engage with the support the staff team offer them.
- Pray that the Lord would give hope for a client's physical health, which currently affects them leading a normal, happy life.

'But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' **Isaiah 40: 31**

02 DECEMBER

LANGLEY CHAPLAINS

Each of our services are supported by volunteer chaplains whose role is to support the spiritual health of a local service, encouraging and sharing Jesus' love amongst clients and staff. They also act as an ambassador for Langley, helping to build strong relationships between Langley and local churches.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for Langley's volunteer chaplains who selflessly serve clients and staff within services, with spiritual encouragement, prayer and pastoral support.
- Pray for protection for the volunteer chaplains as they step out in faith.
- Pray for the ongoing recruitment of volunteer chaplains; that the Lord will lead the right people to services with vacancies, as well as to join chaplaincy teams. Pray especially for a chaplain to join Box Tree Cottage, in Bradford.

'And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!"' **Romans 10: 15**

09 DECEMBER

BOX TREE COTTAGE

Box Tree Cottage is an Independent Approved Premises (IAP), in Bradford, housing men on their release from Prison. Referrals and allocations to Box Tree Cottage are made by Probation Central Referrals Unit.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for God's favour in a positive outcome to the Enabling Environment Assessment. As a fairly new IAP, Box Tree Cottage met all 10 standards, which is an answer to prayer, as many well-established Approved Premises fail to meet the required standard.
- Pray for recruitment, as this remains a challenge.
- Pray for clients, as Christmas approaches. This can be a difficult time, highlighting any emptiness in their lives. Pray that clients would feel God's love and peace, through the ministry of Box Tree Cottage.

'God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.'

Psalm 68: 6a

16 DECEMBER

REFERRALS TEAM

The Referrals Team is small and essential! They are usually the first point of contact for those seeking to place clients in one of our services and wanting to understand more about how we work, and what we offer. Therefore, it is vital that these colleagues are knowledgeable and welcoming, calm and able to assess information provided quickly and clearly, recognising that they are often dealing with people under pressure themselves.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks that stakeholders and referrers send applications to Langley because we adhere to our values and work with Christ in our hearts.
- Pray that the Lord opens the eyes and hearts of potential new clients to the support Langley services can offer them for an improved life.
- Pray that the Lord grants Langley new properties enabling change to many more clients desperate to live crime-free lives.

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.' **Matthew 5: 16**

23 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS

At Christmas, we celebrate Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Many Langley clients have experienced darkness in their lives and for some, past Christmases have been dark times. At Langley, we aim to offer a place of warmth and care, where clients and staff experience the light of Christ.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank God for sending Jesus Christ to be the Light of the World.
- Pray for staff and volunteer teams, within Langley services, as they aim to make Christmas special for each one of our clients.
- Pray for Langley clients and staff to experience the light of Christ in their lives, this Christmas.

The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.' **John 1: 4-5**

30 DECEMBER

MARIPOSA

Mariposa is a project Langley delivers in partnership with Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust and has been receiving female clients since January 2020.

The women who are referred here have usually come from hospitals and secure units, often having spent many years in an institutional setting. They often have complex emotional and psychological needs and require a great deal of professional support within this multi-disciplinary team. Trauma, fear and brokenness play out in addiction and self-harm for so many of Mariposa's clients. Our staff need to be especially resilient, compassionate and good with setting clear boundaries to deliver the work that is required here.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for all Langley Trust's service and sustenance for Mariposa.
- Pray for the safety and happiness of Mariposa service users.
- Pray for the good health and progress of Mariposa project workers.

'Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.' Romans 12: 2a

06 January

STAFF & VOLUNTEER ONLINE ALPHA COURSE

On Friday 10th January we begin our online Staff & Volunteer Alpha course, a course exploring the Christian faith, through videos and discussion. All Langley's staff and volunteers are invited to attend online, each Friday.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank God for each participant and team member.
- Pray that each would feel welcome and that the group get along well together.
- Pray that, over the course, each person would know the presence of God and grow in faith.

'Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."' **John 14: 6**

13 JANUARY

CHRIST-LIKE

The overarching value, at Langley, is that we would be 'Christ-like'. We seek to build a culture that reflects Jesus' teaching and His love, which runs throughout every part of Langley, impacting those we work with and shining out to our partners.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank the Lord for the example His life is to us.
- Pray that Jesus Christ would transform Langley people to grow more like Him day by day.
- Pray that the way Langley operates, as a Trust, would shine out to others in the sector.

'Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.' **Ephesians 5: 2**

20 January

ELIORA

Eliora provides housing and tenancy services for men with multiple needs, mental health issues and substance misuse issues in Bedford and the surrounding area.

It also provides a tenancy sustainment service, helping clients to develop the skills required to successfully manage their tenancy.

The service has a number of dispersed community houses and flats located across Luton, Bedford, Kettering, Northampton and Wellingborough.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the dedicated staff team who work tirelessly to assist clients and for new chaplains coming on board, which will help the clients move forward.
- Give thanks for the office move, closer to a church community which gives Eliora a much needed base.
- Pray for new staff to come on board to help deliver support; new houses to come onboard smoothly; and for new opportunities to work more closely with Probation and Police.

'Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.' **Psalm 127: 1a**

27 January

LONGCROFT

Longcroft is a registered care home, based in Lancaster, for men who have offended or are at risk of offending, and who present with multiple needs, including substance misuse, mental health needs or a learning disability.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the staff team at Longcroft and pray for their resilience.
- Pray for all rooms to be filled, within Longcroft and in the dispersed property, so that support might be given to those in need.
- Pray for healing and peace for a number of clients experiencing medical conditions: mobility issues, dementia and a client awaiting brain surgery. Pray for the staff caring for them.

'Lord, heal me and I will be completely well; rescue me and I will be perfectly safe. You are the one I praise!' **Jeremiah 17: 14**

03 FEBRUARY

RESPONSIBLE

One of the Langley values is 'Responsible', which means that we are diligent in all we do and take care of all people within Langley. Our hope is that all people within Langley, whether client or staff or volunteer would glimpse the love of God through the way that we care for them and through the responsible way that we work.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank God for the way that He cares for the world and for each one of us.
- Pray for those clients who have rarely felt 'taken care of' in the past; that they would find Langley to be a place where they experience the Father's care for them.
- Pray that Langley would be known as an organisation that works diligently and treats its people with care.

'No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.' **1 John 4: 12**

10 FEBRUARY

MURRAY LODGE

Murray Lodge, in Coventry, provides housing, support and resettlement services for men with multiple needs, issues relating to poor mental health and substance misuse. It also provides floating support for clients living within the community.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Thank God for the lives He is touching through the ministry of Murray Lodge.
- Pray for recruitment of more staff to join the team.
- Pray for some of the issues facing clients at Murray Lodge: wisdom for doctors supporting a client in controlling their epilepsy; for clients with substance misuse issues, that they would find strength and comfort in the Lord.

'So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.' **Hebrews 4: 16**

17 FEBRUARY

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT) Team

The ICT Team maintains the technology that underpins much of the work done across Langley. This includes computers, telephones, apps, networks and other systems which all need to remain functional so that staff teams can carry out their work. With the rapid progress of technology, they must continually update systems to stay ahead of security threats.

The team respond to many service and support requests each month and aim to fix any issues they encounter as quickly as possible. When everything is working well, the work they do remains unseen and enables the organisation to operate efficiently and reliably.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for the ICT Team.
- Pray for the team to maintain their steady resolve, as people move on from the Trust.
- Pray for a new member of staff who will recognise and contribute to the team, and help carry them forward.

'God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.' **1 Peter 4: 10**

24 FEBRUARY

THE SHRUBBERY

The Shrubbery, in Kent, is a registered care home, providing a supportive environment for men with multiple and complex needs, including mental health issues, substance misuse, challenging behaviour and learning difficulties. The service provides person-centred support and one-to-one key working for everyone. Additional services are provided for clients requiring care, including physical care, psychological and mental health support. It also has large gardens and provides regular therapeutic activities. The service is well connected with local training, skills provision and community groups which help men to develop increased independence and social skills.

PRAYER TOPICS

- Give thanks for growing the service, both in relation to clients and staff recruitment. Give thanks for the grace of such a positive working environment.
- Pray that the Lord will give clear vision and that the team will continue to gel and work towards that shared goal.
- Pray for God's presence and voice in everything and for fresh anointing for staff, volunteers and the management team for the seasons to come.

'When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.' **Proverbs 29: 18**

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